

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 10 through 17 is appreciated. Claims 18 to 24 have been cancelled without prejudice in view of the USPTO restriction requirement. Claims 1 to 9 are pending.

This supplemental amendment is made to clarify independent claim 1 and several of its dependent claims. The clarification is to identify the “another sensor” as a sensor that measures an actual value of the operating parameter that is being estimated. In the Amendment of December 15, 2005, claim 1 did not make a clear distinction between the sensors used to estimate the operating parameter and the “another sensor” used to generate a trim factor for the estimated operating parameter.

All claims are in good condition for allowance in view of this amendment and the December 15th amendment. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' attorney. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By: /Jeffry Nelson/

Jeffry H. Nelson
Reg. No. 30,481

JHN:glf
901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor
Arlington, VA 22203-1808
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100